

years. During his time at Keeneland, the track became one of the most prominent thoroughbred racetracks in North America. Keeneland's sales grew incredibly, and it became a major international auction house.

Mr. Bassett's leadership continued as President of the Breeder's Cup, the Thoroughbred Racing Association, and the Thoroughbred Club of America. He served as a member of The Jockey Club as well as a Trustee of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, the University of Kentucky Equine Research Foundation, and Transylvania University. Mr. Bassett is undoubtedly one of the most respected figures in the thoroughbred industry. In 1996, he received an Eclipse Award of Merit for his contributions and in 2019 was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame.

Mr. Bassett is a generous philanthropist in the central Kentucky area. He has a true love of people and would be as comfortable talking with the President of the United States or the Queen of England as he is talking with the staff at Keeneland. Ted Bassett is an incredible patriot, a legend in the thoroughbred industry, a selfless individual, and a shining example to us all. I have been honored to know him all of my life and it is my honor to recognize this great American patriot before the United States Congress on his 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Monday, November 1, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on rollcall No. 340, and NAY on rollcall No. 341.

RECOGNIZING THE ATLANTA BRAVES ORGANIZATION FOR WINNING THE 2021 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Atlanta Braves organization for winning the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series. On November 2, 2021, with a 7–0 victory in game 6 over the Houston Astros, the Atlanta Braves became World Series Champions for the first time since 1995.

This team is an inspiration to every single Braves fan. A team of destiny. The team was 88–73 and was under .500 as recently as August. At one point in the season, the team had single digit odds to make the playoffs. As they seemed to hit every speed bump and roadblock along the way, very few believed they stood a chance; but every member of the team believed. Some players, such as Dansby Swanson, are locals; others, such as Ronald Acuña Jr., come from across the globe. Freddie Freeman has spent his entire career with the organization, while others are new to

the team. Each of their families sacrificed special moments while the team trained and played across the Major League.

The Braves defeated the Milwaukee Brewers, 3 games to 1, in the National League Division Series. The Braves then faced their foe from the 2020 National League Championship Series, the Los Angeles Dodgers. After having back to back walk-off victories in that series, the Braves beat the Dodgers, 4 games to 2, and won the National League Championship Series. Eddie Rosario, one of the newest additions to the Braves family, was selected as the 2021 NLCS Most Valuable Player.

The Braves began the World Series taking a game 1 victory over the Houston Astros, and went on to win the series, 4 games to 2. New Braves legend, Jorge Soler, was selected as the 2021 World Series Most Valuable Player after hitting 3 home runs in the series and being the first player in Major League Baseball history to hit a home run in the first plate appearance of a World Series.

Alex Anthopoulos joined the Braves organization in 2017 as the Executive Vice President and General Manager, later being elevated to the President of Baseball Operations. He was previously part of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Toronto Blue Jays, and Montreal Expos. Alex Anthopoulos masterfully navigated the off season by adding Pablo Sandoval, Ehire Adrianza, Guillermo Heredia, and Charlie Morton. After the devastating loss of Ronald Acuña Jr. to injury, Alex Anthopoulos made critical additions to the roster, acquiring Joc Peterson, Adam Duvall, Jorge Soler, and Richard Rodriguez.

Manager Brian Snitker has been with the Atlanta Braves organization since 1977, and has been a player, Minor League manager, and manager of the Atlanta Braves. Brian Snitker is a devoted family man and has spent many days away from his family mentoring players, many of whom he has watched grow into young men. Through his guidance, this team has become an inspiration to Braves fans, and to every young athlete watching them play.

The Braves won the World Series with the dedication of team members: Freddie Freeman, Ian Anderson, Jesse Chavez, Max Fried, Luke Jackson, Dylan Lee, Chris Martin, Tyler Matzek, A.J. Minter, Charlie Morton, Will Smith, Drew Smyly, Kyle Wright, Travis d'Arnaud, William Contreras, Ehire Adrianza, Ozzie Albies, Orlando Arcia, Austin Riley, Dansby Swanson, Johan Camargo, Adam Duvall, Terrance Gore, Guillermo Heredia, Joc Pederson, Eddie Rosario, Jorge Soler, and Tucker Davidson.

The Braves would not have made it to the World Series without the efforts of those team members playing in the regular season, such as: Ronald Acuña Jr., Abraham Almonte, Grant Dayton, Shane Greene, Jasseel De La Cruz, Yoan López, Kyle Muller, Sean Newcomb, Richard Rodríguez, Mike Soroka, Spencer Strider, Josh Tomlin, Touki Toussaint, Jacob Webb, Huascar Ynoa, Chadwick Tromp, and Cristian Pache.

I thank Braves fans everywhere, for their passion and devotion to this team. They showed up to cheer from the stands, and stayed to celebrate in the Battery at Truist Park. Without each and every fan across this country, this would not have been possible. I thank each and every team member of Truist Park, the clubhouse, Minor League coaching staff, and support staff. Once again, the Atlanta Braves are America's team.

This is the moment that the city of Atlanta and Braves fans everywhere have been dreaming of for quite some time. The Atlanta Braves are, once again, World Series Champions! Go Braves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 350, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 350.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEAL K. TODD

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Navy Fireman First Class Neal Kenneth Todd, who served aboard the USS *Oklahoma*, and we lost on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor.

A Minnesota native, born in the city of Akeley on November 5, 1919, Neal enlisted in the Navy just days before his 21st birthday in the fall of 1940, making him one of eight children of Irena Staffenhagen to serve in the armed forces. Each one of the children would return home safely, except for Neal, her fourth born.

Neal was assigned to the USS *Oklahoma* at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu where he served alongside his brother, Fireman First Class, Wesley Roland Todd. America was not yet at war, but on December 7, 1941, Neal would be among the first Americans to make the ultimate sacrifice in the largest conflict humanity has ever known. His brother barely survived the attack.

What makes his sacrifice even more crucial to recognize today is the time and effort it took to get here. On the day of the attack at Pearl Harbor, Neal and other sailors like him were considered missing for decades and presumed to be casualties. Over 400 crewmembers died on the USS *Oklahoma* alone. At the time, the U.S. military lacked the technological capacity to identify these individuals and return them home.

Until March 1942, when months later, Neal's mother was formally notified that he was missing in action and had likely perished, but his family was not offered the closure of a proper burial. Families like Neal's have been left in the dark for years, knowing that surely their brothers and sons would not be able to share another smile or embrace with them, but still wishing they could give one last goodbye.

Thanks to recent efforts by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency started in 2015, along with the assistance of family members of the lost, DNA recognition and retrieval of remains from Pearl Harbor is finally possible. Neal Todd's identity was confirmed in February of this year, and this July, dozens of